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Dear Commissioner Roukema:

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Ms. Lauren Belvin  
Director  
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Dear Ms. Belvin:

We are writing to you on behalf of Mr. Eric G. Grove, Public Works Administrator and County Engineer for Sussex County, New Jersey, regarding his concerns over the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992).

In his correspondence, a copy of which is enclosed, Mr. Grove expresses concern over the affect this proposal will have on radio communications in rural counties. He raises several legitimate and important concerns, and would like to be informed of the Commission's position on these issues. Any assistance you could offer toward addressing Mr. Grove's concerns would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you in advance for your time and attention to this matter. Please feel free to respond to Congresswoman Roukema in her Northeast District Office in Ridgewood, New Jersey. If you have any further questions or comments regarding Mr. Grove's concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us there.

Sincerely,

David Zuidema  
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# NACE

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## Notes From President Perry

Clarence C. Perry, P.E., County Engineer, Henry County, Iowa

The Executive Committee met March 20th and 21st in Las Vegas in conjunction with the CON/EXPO equipment show. CON/EXPO offered NACE a complimentary exhibit space at the show, and the NACE officers thought the show would create good exposure for NACE. Our thanks to the Executive Committee, Vice Presidents, wives, and NACE staff who managed to keep the booth open throughout the show.

This was my first trip to CON/EXPO, and I was amazed at the large displays and international involvement in the show.

The value of the Futures Committee appointed by Past President Lynn Olson (1991-92) was evident at the Las Vegas meeting. One of the committee's recommendations was to involve the regional vice presidents more in association business. We accomplished this by appointing the vice presidents to an Executive Advisory Committee, giving them full voting rights in the advisory committee meeting. The Executive Committee later adopted the minutes of the Advisory Committee. The process seemed to work well and will be used again at the NACo meeting in Chicago in July.

Two other recommendations of the Futures Committee also were discussed in detail. NACE is investigating expanding from five Regions to seven. In addition, we are looking at expanding the Research Committee by adding five subcommittees to cover specific areas of interest to NACE members. I have been overwhelmed by the enthusiasm of NACE members to serve on these subcommittees, and we are

working on appointments now.

We are still conducting a search for a new Executive Director to replace Ed Wiles who will retire from full-time service on May 1st.

I would also like to report that NACE will be present at the Association County Commissioners of Georgia annual meeting to make a membership presentation at a breakfast for public works directors and highway superintendents on April 19. NACE will be represented by Floyd Lawrence, Southeast Region Vice President, and Sam Jaynes, Secretary-Treasurer. We are hoping that Georgia will become one of our newest state chapters.

I attended the South Dakota Highway Superintendents meeting February 24th and 25th. I certainly appreciated their hospitality and I wish them good luck on their certification program. I will also be attending the Illinois and Kansas state association meetings in April.

## Protect Your Two-Way Radio System

The Oregon Association of County Engineers and Surveyors has brought to the attention of NACE that a new regulation proposed by the FCC will have a detrimental and possibly disastrous effect on local governments, especially their communications by radio.

The new regulation would limit radio frequencies available to local governments for their two-way communications, and limit the power of their base stations. Intended to free up radio frequencies in urban areas where the full radio spectrum is crowded, these regulations, if

## Share Your Expertise

The Program Committee for NACE 1994 wants NACE members to make presentations at the Annual Management and Technical Conference in Wash County, Nevada. We know that our engineers are the best source available for ideas that work.

If you have a program idea for a conference that you would like to present or if you know of an expert who might be willing to make an informative presentation at NACE 1994, please contact the program chairman, Richard Welton—Fresno County Director of Public Works, 222 Tulare Street, 6th Floor, Fresno, CA 9362 phone (209) 453-5168 or call the NACE office at (202) 393-5041.

## Exhibit Space Available

Exhibit Space at NACE 1994 is now available. If you know of companies that might be interested in exhibiting at the NACE annual conference please ask them to call the NACE office. (202) 393-5041

implemented in their present form, will cause major disruptions to current county radio communication systems, and necessitate complete replacement of your radio systems by 1996.

All NACE members who operate two-way radios are encouraged to send their comments on this proposed rule to the address and docket listed on page 3 before May 28, 1993. According to some reports, this rule is "almost certain to be adopted" in its current form. Immediate action is needed to stall this harmful new regulation.

See Radio, Page 3.

## New Titles in the Video Library

As the Strategic Highway Research Program winds down, TRB has released a series of video tapes produced during the project's life, many of which will be useful to county engineers. NACE has managed to get hold of several copies of each of the following titles. Any active member of NACE may borrow up to two tapes at a time, for a period of 10 days. Tapes not returned after

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The rule, which would take full effect in 1996, would severely curtail the permissible power level of your transmissions, effectively reducing range by as much as 30 to 50 percent. To deal with this limit, counties could install additional base stations and simulcast, however, after the rule is adopted all new stations must have bandwidth of 4 KHZ. Base stations capable of operating with 4 KHZ of occupied bandwidth are not compatible with current



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## County of Sussex

May 6, 1993

Federal Communications Commission  
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Attention: FCC Docket 92-235

To Whom It May Concern:

The County of Sussex is a rural County in Northwest New Jersey with a population of about 135,000 and an area of 527 square miles bordered by New York State to the North, Delaware River to the West, and three counties to the South and East. Our countywide radio system, which was upgraded during 1987, serves the Departments of Public Works, Public Health and Safety, Emergency Management, Fire Marshall, Medical Examiner, County Sheriff, Sussex County MUA, and the County Prosecutor's Office. Communications, within the Department of Public Works, is an extremely valuable tool in the deliverance of routine as well as emergency services in the areas of Roads, Bridges, Transit, Buildings and Grounds, Shade Tree, and Motor Pool operations.

It is our understanding that the new regulations would limit radio frequencies available to local governments for two-way communications, as well as the power of the base stations by as much as 30 to 50%. With a band width of only 4 (four) KHZ proposed, our current radio equipment would be effectively obsolete. We will be forced to either accept reduced coverage or replace all mobiles, portables and base stations. I understand that the industry does not currently manufacture equipment capable of meeting the proposed regulation.

In light of the current economic climate, which has had a tremendous impact on the Counties and Municipalities, the adoption of this new regulation would have a detrimental and possibly a disastrous effect on local governments and the delivery of services. We were unable to secure Capital funds for road overlays during 1992 and 1993 is in doubt as well. Accordingly, I do not see how Sussex County could comply with this regulation which would effectively require the complete replacement of our entire system at an enormous cost (\$ 500,000.00±).

I would suggest that a provision be made for waiver of the rules  
in the rural areas or that they not be adopted/implemented. If